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SUBJECT: PODGORNYY VISIT TO MOZAMBIQUE

1. SUMMARY: PODGORNYY GIVEN WARM WELCOME IN HIS MARCH 29 ARRIVAL TO MOZAMBIQUE. BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS STARTED. JOINT COMMUNIQUE TO BE ISSUED MARCH 31. MACHEL EFFUSIVELY PRAISES PAST AND CURRENT SOVIET ASSISTANCE TO FRELIMO. PODGORNYY GIVES TEMPERED SPEECH AND ALLUDES TO DESIRABILITY BUT IMPRACTICABILITY OF PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS. END SUMMARY

2. AIRPORT WELCOME. VISIT OF SOVIET PRESIDENT NIKOLAY PODGORNYY TO MOZAMBIQUE GOT UNDER WAY AFTERNOON OF MARCH 29 WITH WARM AND COLORFUL AIRPORT CEREMONY THAT INCLUDED A TWENTY-ONE GUN SALUTE AND A REVIEW OF A MILITARY HONOR GUARD. PODGORNYY WAS WELCOMED AT AIRPORT BY MOZAMBIQUE PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL, UNCLASSIFIED

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ENTIRE GPRM CABINET AND NUMBER OF OTHER SENIOR MOZAMBIQUE MILITARY AND CIVILIAN OFFICIALS.

3. BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS. ACCORDING TO MARCH 30 PRESS, SOVIET AND MOZAMBIQUE DELEGATIONS HELD THEIR FIRST ROUND OF BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AT 1700 LOCAL TIME. NO DETAILS OF THE DISCUSSIONS WERE GIVEN, BUT PRESS REPORTED THAT A

JOINT COMMUNIQUE WILL BE ISSUED TOMORROW FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE TALKS.

4. RUSSIAN OFFICIALS PARTICIPATING IN THE CONVERSATIONS WERE:

PRESIDENT NIKOLAY PODGORNYY

I.V. ARKHIPOV, CP CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND VICE PRESIDENT OF USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

J.B. GUJENKO, CP CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND MINISTER OF MARITIME FLEET

F.Z. SOKOLOV, CP CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND FIRST VICE MINISTER OF DEFENSE

J. ILLYITCHEV, MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL CONTROL COMMISSION AND VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

N. SMELIAKOV, VICE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL COMMERCE

I. TCHERNICHEV, VICE PRESIDENT OF STATE COMMITTEE ON EXTERNAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS

P. EVSIUKOV, USSR AMBASSADOR TO MOZAMBIQUE

THE MOZAMBIQUE DELEGATION WAS LED BY PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL AND COMPOSED OF:

MARCELINO DOS SANTOS, MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC PLANNING

JOAQUIM CHISSANO, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

MARIONO MATSHINHA, MINISTER OF LABOR

MARIO MACHUNGO, MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE

JUIS LUIS CABACO, MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS

OSCAR MONTEIRO, MINISTER OF STATE

ALBERTO CASSIMO, GOVERNOR OF MOZAMBIQUE CENTRAL BANK

SERGIO VIEIRA, DIRECTOR OF THE CABINET IN THE OFFICE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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THE PRESIDENT

5. STATE BANQUET. DURING STATE BANQUET FOR PODGORNYY EVENING OF MARCH 29, BOTH MACHEL AND PODGORNYY DELIVERED SHORT SPEECHES PRAISING THE FRIENDLY AND "FRATERNAL" RELATIONS WHICH EXIST BETWEEN FRELIMO AND SOVIET CP AND CALLING FOR GREATER BILATERAL COOPERATION BETWEEN MOZAMBIQUE AND THE SOVIET UNION IN ORDER TO BUILD SOCIALISM.

6. MACHEL'S SPEECH. IN HIS SPEECH, PRESIDENT MACHEL PRAISED THE SOVIET UNION FOR ITS ASSISTANCE TO FRELIMO DURING THE ARMED STRUGGLE. "THE USSR SUPPORTED FRELIMO FROM THE BEGINNING OF ITS EXISTENCE." IT TRAINED MOZAMBIKAN SOLDIERS AND SUPPORTED US POLITICALLY, MORALLY, DIPLOMATICALLY AND MATERIALLY. SOVIET SUPPORT RESULTED IN FRELIMO AND THE PEOPLE OF MOZAMBIQUE ACHIEVING THEIR INDEPENDENCE. AFTER NOTING HOW MUCH INSPIRATION LENIN AND SOVIET REVOLUTION OF 1917 HAD HAD ON FRELIMO, MACHEL TURNED TO FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES. ON SOUTHERN AFRICA, MACHEL SAID THE INTENSIFICATION OF THE POPULAR STRUGGLE IN ZIMBABWE,

NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA HAD FORCED THE IMPERIALIST TO ADOPT NEW "PERFIDIOUS MANEUVERS," INCLUDING MASSACRES AND ASSASSINATIONS. SOME OF THESE IMPERIALIST ACTIONS HAD BEEN DIRECTED AGAINST THOSE STATES BORDERING THE COLONIAL REGIMES. HOWEVER, MACHEL SAID THAT MOZAMBIQUE WOULD NOT BE INTIMIDATED AND THAT ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA WOULD BE FREE. MACHEL ALSO ACCUSED THE IMPERIALISTS OF HAVING A PLAN TO CREATE A SOUTH ATLANTIC MILITARY BLOC INCLUDING SOUTH AFRICA AND OF INTRODUCING AIRCRAFT CARRIERS INTO THE WATERS ALONG THE EAST COAST OF AFRICA. CONCLUDING, MACHEL LAUDED COOPERATION THAT HAD DEVELOPED BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND POST INDEPENDENT MOZAMBIQUE AND CALLED FOR MORE INTERACTION TO ENSURE THE HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIALISM IN AFRICA.

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7. PODGORNYY'S SPEECH. PODGORNYY'S REMARKS WERE LESS EBULLIENT AND MORE TEMPERED. (FULL TEXT FOLLOWS BY SEPTTEL). PODGORNYY THANKED GPRM FOR ITS WARM HOSPITALITY, RECALLED MACHEL'S SUCCESSFUL AND "FRUITFUL" VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION LAST MAY, AND SPOKE OF THE LONG HISTORY OF SOVIET SUPPORT AND COOPERATION WITH FRELIMO. PODGORNYY SAID THAT ONE OF THE PRINCIPLES OF SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY WAS SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE FIGHTING AGAINST COLONIALISM AND PROGRESS AND THAT THE SOVIET UNION WOULD NOT "ABANDON" ITS FRIENDS DURING THEIR MOST TRYING HOURS. ON SOUTHERN AFRICA, HE SAID THE

SOVIET POSITION WAS CLAR: IT SUPPORTED SELF-DETERMINATION, AN
END TO APARTHEID AND RACISM IN SOUTH AFRICA, WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH
AFRICAN FROM NAMIBIA AND A COMPLETE AND UNRESERVED TRANSFER OF
POWER IN ZIMBABWE. HOWEVER, PODGORNYY, CONTINUED THAT THE
"WAY PEOPLE RESOLVE THESE PROBLEMS DEPENDS UPON THEMSELVES. IN
KEEPING WITH THE SITUATION AND THE CONDITIONS, THEY ARE FREE TO
CHOOSE ONE OR OTHER MEANS OF STRUGGLE. IT IS EVIDENT THAT A
PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF ALL PROBLEMS IS DESIRED. BUT AS THE
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RIGHTS OF THE OPPRESSED PEOPLES OF ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH
AFRICA TO LIBERTY AND NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE ARE BEING
SLIGHTED, THE ASPIRATION OF THE PEOPLE TO ARMED STRUGGLE IS
UNDERSTANDABLE." PODGORNYY THEN CHIDED THE WEST FOR SPEAKING OUT
AGAINST THE ARMED STRUGGLE. CONCLUDING PODGORNYY CALLED FOR
TRANSFER OF POWER TO AFRICANS IN REMAINING COLONIAL TERRITORIES,
MORE VIGILANCE BY OAU TO REINFORCE ANTI-IMPERIALISTS FRONT,
AND GREATER COOPERATION BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND MOZAMBIQUE.
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